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### **Mother of Infant Burned to Death Arrested**

**NATCHITOCHES PARISH-** The Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal, in collaboration with the Natchitoches Police Department, have made a second arrest in connection with the homicide of a 6-month-old boy.

Hannah Barker (DOB 9/25/95), of Natchitoches, was booked into the Natchitoches Parish Detention Center Wednesday, July 25, 2018, on one count of Principal to 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder in the homicide of her son, Levi Cole Ellerbe. The infant was located set on fire off of Breda Avenue on the evening of Tuesday, July 17.

Earlier this week, Natchitoches resident Felicia Marie-Nicole Smith was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder in the case. Investigators say Smith and Barker were known to each other prior to the homicide. An additional charge is expected to be brought against Smith.

“I want to highlight the determination and dedication of the team of investigators from both agencies who have doggedly worked this case from the start,” said State Fire Marshal Chief H. “Butch” Browning, “Rest assured, that diligent work is not over yet.”

The investigation remains on-going and no further information will be released at this time.

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